THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.4184 of 2007

Date: 02.03.2007

Between:

P.Laxminarayana

....Petitioner

and

The Assistant Director and another.

....Respondents

O R D E R:

The petitioner claims to have submitted an application on 01.02.2006 before the first respondent with a prayer to accord permission to establish and run a medical shop at Kurnool. When no action has been taken thereon, a reminder is said to have been issued on 11.01.2007. The grievance of the petitioner is that no action has been taken so far on his application.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Medical and Health.

The first respondent is vested with the power to issue licences for opening medical shops and for renewal thereof. Necessary verification has to be undertaken before a licence is granted. Though reasonable time is required for this purpose, the application of the petitioner ought not to have been kept pending for the last one year. If there are any defects in the application of the petitioner, the first respondent could have intimated the same in writing.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent to consider the application of the petitioner, dated 01.02.2006, for grant of licence to establish a medical shop and finalise the same within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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